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DETAILED ACTION

Response to AF comments

1. Based upon the submitted AF comments, the examiner notes that in the January 29 interview the Examiner contacted Geza Zeigler and noted that if support and drawings could be shown for a **single** embodiment that could perform the single whitening steps in addition to combinations of the whitening steps (as claimed) then the examiner would issue the claims over the prior art of record.

In the subsequent interview The examiner reiterated the point and was notified that the claim referred to any number of separate embodiments that could use any combination of the known whitening stages. The specification does not support a single device that can selectively provide various combinations of whitening stages. As such the examiner issues a non-final rejection with a 112 second paragraph rejection made for all claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. Claims 1,5-12,16-22,24-27,29-32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite an operating module that includes a number of whitening stages and combinations thereof. As applicant's specification only discloses

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separate devices with various combinations of whitening stages, it is not clear exactly which particular combination is being referred to in the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Jamal whose telephone number is 571-272-7498. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis A Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300** for regular communications and **571-273-8300** for After Final communications.

/Alexander Jamal/

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